LP3988 Micropower, 150mA Ultra Low-Dropout CMOS Voltage **Regulator With Power Good** ■ ≤1 µA quiescent current when shut down **General Description**

The LP3988 is a 150mA low dropout regulator designed specially to meet requirements of Portable batteryapplications. The LP3988 is designed to work with a space saving, small 1µF ceramic capacitor. The LP3988 features an Error Flag output that indicates a faulty output condition.

The LP3988's performance is optimized for battery powered systems to deliver low noise, extremely low dropout voltage and low quiescent current. Regulator ground current increases only slightly in dropout, further prolonging the battery life.

Power supply rejection is better than 60 dB at low frequencies and starts to roll off at 10 kHz. High power supply rejection is maintained down to lower input voltage levels common to battery operated circuits.

The device is ideal for mobile phone and similar battery powered wireless applications. It provides up to 150 mA, from a 3.1V to 6V input, consuming less than 1 µA in disable mode and has fast turn-on time less than 200µs.

The LP3988 is available 5 pin SOT-23 package. Performance is specified for -40°C to +125°C temperature range and is available in 2.5, 2.6, 2.85, 3.0 and 3.3V output voltage.

Key Specifications

- 2.5 to 6.0V input range
- 150mA guaranteed output
- 40dB PSRR at 10kHz

Typical Application Circuit





- Fast Turn-On time: 100 µs (typ.)
- 80 mV typ dropout with 150mA load
- -40 to +125°C junction temperature range for operation
- 2.5, 2.6V, 2.85V, 3.0V, and 3.3V

Features

- SOT-23-5 package
- Power-good flag output
- Logic controlled enable
- Stable with ceramic and high quality tantalum capacitors
 - Fast turn-on
- Thermal shutdown and short-circuit current limit

Applications

- CDMA cellular handsets
- Wideband CDMA cellular handsets
- GSM cellular handsets
- Portable information appliances
- Tiny 3.3V ± 5% to 2.85V, 150mA converter

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Block Diagram



Pin Descriptions

Name	SOT	Function
V _{EN}	3	Enable Input Logic, Enable High
GND	2	Common Ground
V _{OUT}	5	Output Voltage of the LDO
V _{IN}	1	Input Voltage of the LDO
Power Good	4	Power Good Flag (output): open-drain output, connected to an external pull-up resistor. Active low indicates an output voltage out of tolerance condition.

Connection Diagram



Top View See NS Package Number MF05A

Ordering Information						
Output Voltage (V)	Grade	LP3988 Supplied as 1000 Units, Tape and Reel	LP3988 Supplied as 3000 Units, Tape and Reel	Package Marking		
2.5	STD	LP3988IMF-2.5	LP3988IMFX-2.5	LFSB		
2.6	STD	LP3988IMF-2.6	LP3988IMFX-2.6	LDJB		
2.85	STD	LP3988IMF-2.85	LP3988IMFX-2.85	LDLB		
3.0	STD	LP3988IMF-3.0	LP3988IMFX-3.0	LFAB		
3.3	STD	LP3988IMF-3.3	LP3988IMFX-3.3	LH5B		

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Absolute Maximum Ratings (Notes 1,

2)

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–0.3 to 6.5V
-0.3 to V _{IN}
150°C
–65°C to +150°C
235°C
235°C
220°C/W

ESD Rating(Note 4) Human Body Model 2kV Machine Model ((Note 13)) 150V

Operating Ratings (Notes 1, 2)

V _{IN} (Note 15)	$V_{IN(MIN)}$ to 6V
V _{OUT} , V _{EN}	0 to V _{IN}
Junction Temperature	–40°C to +125°C
Maximum Power Dissipation (Note 5)	
SOT23-5	250mW

Electrical Characteristics

Unless otherwise specified: $V_{EN} = 1.8V$, $V_{IN} = V_{OUT} + 0.5V$, $C_{IN} = 1 \ \mu\text{F}$, $I_{OUT} = 1 \ \mu\text{F}$. Typical values and limits appearing in standard typeface are for $T_J = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$. Limits appearing in **boldface type** apply over the entire junction temperature range for operation, -40°C to $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$. (Note 6) (Note 7)

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Тур	Limit		Unito
				Min	Max	Units
	Output Voltage Tolerance	$-20^{\circ}C \leq T_{J} \leq 125^{\circ}C$ $-40^{\circ}C \leq T_{J} \leq 125^{\circ}C$		-2 -3 -3.5	2 3 3.5	% of V _{OUT(nc}
ΔV_{OUT}	Line Regulation Error	$V_{IN} = V_{OUT (NOM)} + 0.5V \text{ to } 6.0V$		-0.15 - 0.2	0.15 0.2	%/V
	Load Regulation Error (Note 8)	$I_{OUT} = 1 \text{ mA to } 150 \text{ mA}$			0.005 0.007	%/mA
PSRR Power Supply Rejection		$V_{IN} = V_{OUT(nom)} + 1V,$ f = 1 kHz, I _{OUT} = 50 mA (<i>Figure 3</i>)	65			- dB
		$V_{IN} = V_{OUT(nom)} + 1V,$ f = 10 kHz, I _{OUT} = 50 mA (<i>Figure 3</i>)	45			
	Quiescent Current	$V_{EN} = 1.4V, I_{OUT} = 0 \text{ mA}$ $V_{EN} = 1.4V, I_{OUT} = 0 \text{ to } 150 \text{ mA}$	85 140		120 200	μΑ
		$V_{EN} = 0.4V$	0.003		1.0	1
	Dropout Voltage (Note 9)	I _{OUT} = 1 mA	1		5	1
		I _{OUT} = 150 mA	80		115 150	mV
SC	Short Circuit Current Limit	(Note 10)	600			mA
'n	Output Noise Voltage	BW = 10 Hz to 100 kHz, $C_{OUT} = 1\mu F$	220			μVrm
C _{OUT}	Output Capacitor	Capacitance (Note 11)		1	20	μF
		ESR (Note 11)		5	500	mΩ
	Thermal Shutdown Temperature		160			°C
TSD	Thermal Shutdown Hysteresis		20			°C
Enable Cor	ntrol Characteristics (Note 12)	·				
EN	Maximum Input Current at EN	$V_{EN} = 0$ and V_{IN}			0.1	μΑ
/ _{IL}	Logic Low Input threshold	V _{IN} = 2.7 to 6.0V			0.5	V
V _{IH}	Logic High Input threshold	V _{IN} = 2.7 to 6.0V		1.2		V

Electrical Characteristics (Continued)

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Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Тур	Limit		Units
	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Мах	Units
Power Good	1					
	Power Good	% of V _{OUT} (PG ON) <i>Figure 2</i>				
V_{THL}	Low threshold	% of V _{OUT} (PG OFF) <i>Figure 2</i> (Note	93	90	95	%
V_{THH}	High Threshold	14)	95	92	98	
V _{OL}	PG Output Logic Low Voltage	$I_{PULL-UP} = 100\mu A$, fault condition	0.02		0.1	V
I _{PGL}	PG Output Leakage Current	PG Off, V _{PG} = 6V	0.02			μA
T _{ON}	Power Good Turn On time,	$V_{IN} = 4.2V$	10			μs
	(Note 9)					
T _{OFF}	Power Good Turn Off time,	V _{IN} = 4.2V	10			μs
	(Note 9)					

Note 1: Absolute Maximum Ratings are limits beyond which damage to the device may occur. Operating Ratings are conditions under which operation of the device is guaranteed. Operating Ratings do not imply guaranteed performance limits. For guaranteed performance limits and associated test conditions, see the Electrical Characteristics tables.

Note 2: All voltages are with respect to the potential at the GND pin.

Note 3: The Absolute Maximum power dissipation depends on the ambient temperature and can be calculated using the formula:

$\mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{D}} = (\mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{J}} - \mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{A}})/\theta_{\mathsf{J}\mathsf{A}}$

where T_J is the junction temperature, T_A is the ambient temperature, and θ_{JA} is the junction-to-ambient thermal resistance. The 364mW rating appearing under Absolute Maximum Ratings results from substituting the Absolute Maximum junction temperature, 150°C, for T_J , 70°C for T_A , and 220°C/W for θ_{JA} . More power can be dissipated safely at ambient temperatures below 70°C. Less power can be dissipated safely at ambient temperatures above 70°C. The Absolute Maximum power dissipation can be increased by 4.5mW for each degree below 70°C, and it must be derated by 4.5mW for each degree above 70°C.

Note 4: The human body model is 100pF discharged through 1.5kΩ resistor into each pin. The machine model is a 200 pF capacitor discharged directly into each pin.

Note 5: Like the Absolute Maximum power dissipation, the maximum power dissipation for operation depends on the ambient temperature. The 250mW rating appearing under Operating Ratings results from substituting the maximum junction temperature for operation, 125° C, for T_J, 70° C for T_A, and 220° C/W for θ_{JA} into (Note 3) above. More power can be dissipated at ambient temperatures below 70° C. Less power can be dissipated at ambient temperatures above 70° C. The maximum power dissipation for operation can be increased by 4.5mW for each degree below 70° C, and it must be derated by 4.5mW for each degree above 70° C.

Note 6: All limits are guaranteed. All electrical characteristics having room-temperature limits are tested during production with $T_J = 25^{\circ}C$ or correlated using Statistical Quality Control (SQC) methods. All hot and cold limits are guaranteed by correlating the electrical characteristics to process and temperature variations and applying statistical process control.

Note 7: The target output voltage, which is labeled $V_{OUT(nom)}$, is the desired voltage option.

Note 8: An increase in the load current results in a slight decrease in the output voltage and vice versa.

Note 9: Dropout voltage is the input-to-output voltage difference at which the output voltage is 100mV below its nominal value.

Note 10: Short circuit current is measured on input supply line after pulling down V_{OUT} to 95% V_{OUT(nom)}.

Note 11: Guaranteed by design.

Note 12: Turn-on time is time measured between the enable input just exceeding V_{IH} and the output voltage just reaching 95% of its nominal value.

Note 13: 100V machine model for Power-good flag, pin 4.

Note 14: The low and high thresholds are generated together. Typically a 2.6% difference is seen between these thresholds.

Note 15: The minimum V_{IN} is dependant on the device output option.

For $Vout_{(NOM)} \leq 2.7V$, $V_{IN(MIN)}$ will equal 2.5V. For $Vout_{(NOM)} > 2.7V$, $V_{IN(MIN)}$ will equal $Vout_{(NOM)} + 200mV$.





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Typical Performance Characteristics Unless otherwise specified, $C_{IN} = C_{OUT} = 1 \ \mu\text{F}$ Ceramic, $V_{IN} = V_{OUT} + 0.2V$, $T_A = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$, Enable pin is tied to V_{IN} . (Continued)

Power-Good Response Time (LP3988-2.85) (flag pin pulled to V_{OUT} through a 100K Ω resistor)



Line Transient Response (LP3988-2.85)









Power-Up Response





Typical Performance Characteristics Unless otherwise specified, $C_{IN} = C_{OUT} = 1 \ \mu\text{F}$ Ceramic, $V_{IN} = V_{OUT} + 0.2V$, $T_A = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$, Enable pin is tied to V_{IN} . (Continued)



Load Transient Response



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Application Hints

EXTERNAL CAPACITORS

Like any low-dropout regulator, the LP3988 requires external capacitors for regulator stability. The LP3988 is specifically designed for portable applications requiring minimum board space and smallest components. These capacitors must be correctly selected for good performance.

INPUT CAPACITOR

An input capacitance of $\approx 1\mu F$ is required between the LP3988 input pin and ground (the amount of the capacitance may be increased without limit).

This capacitor must be located a distance of not more than 1cm from the input pin and returned to a clean analog ground. Any good quality ceramic, tantalum, or film capacitor may be used at the input.

Important: Tantalum capacitors can suffer catastrophic failures due to surge current when connected to a lowimpedance source of power (like a battery or a very large capacitor). If a tantalum capacitor is used at the input, it must be guaranteed by the manufacturer to have a surge current rating sufficient for the application.

There are no requirements for the ESR on the input capacitor, but tolerance and temperature coefficient must be considered when selecting the capacitor to ensure the capacitance will be $\simeq 1 \mu F$ over the entire operating temperature range.

OUTPUT CAPACITOR

The LP3988 is designed specifically to work with very small ceramic output capacitors. A ceramic capacitor (dielectric types Z5U, Y5V or X7R) in 1 to 22 μF range with 5m Ω to 500m Ω ESR range is suitable in the LP3988 application circuit.

It may also be possible to use tantalum or film capacitors at the output, but these are not as attractive for reasons of size and cost (see next section Capacitor Characteristics).

The output capacitor must meet the requirement for minimum amount of capacitance and also have an ESR (Equivalent Series Resistance) value which is within a stable range (5 m Ω to 500 m Ω).

NO-LOAD STABILITY

The LP3988 will remain stable and in regulation with no external load. This is specially important in CMOS RAM keep-alive applications.

CAPACITOR CHARACTERISTICS

The LP3988 is designed to work with ceramic capacitors on the output to take advantage of the benefits they offer: for capacitance values in the range of 1µF to 4.7µF range, ceramic capacitors are the smallest, least expensive and have the lowest ESR values (which makes them best for eliminating high frequency noise). The ESR of a typical 1µF ceramic capacitor is in the range of 20 m Ω to 40 m Ω , which easily meets the ESR requirement for stability by the LP3988.

The ceramic capacitor's capacitance can vary with temperature. Most large value ceramic capacitors ($\approx 2.2 \mu F$) are manufactured with Z5U or Y5V temperature characteristics, which results in the capacitance dropping by more than 50% as the temperature goes from 25°C to 85°C.

A better choice for temperature coefficient in a ceramic capacitor is X7R, which holds the capacitance within $\pm 15\%$.

Tantalum capacitors are less desirable than ceramic for use as output capacitors because they are more expensive when comparing equivalent capacitance and voltage ratings in the $1\mu F$ to $4.7\mu F$ range.

Another important consideration is that tantalum capacitors have higher ESR values than equivalent size ceramics. This means that while it may be possible to find a tantalum capacitor with an ESR value within the stable range, it would have to be larger in capacitance (which means bigger and more costly) than a ceramic capacitor with the same ESR value. It should also be noted that the ESR of a typical tantalum will increase about 2:1 as the temperature goes from 25° C down to -40° C, so some guard band must be allowed.

ON/OFF INPUT OPERATION

The LP3988 is turned off by pulling the V_{EN} pin low, and turned on by pulling it high. If this feature is not used, the V_{EN} pin should be tied to V_{IN} to keep the regulator output on at all time. To assure proper operation, the signal source used to drive the V_{EN} input must be able to swing above and below the specified turn-on/off voltage thresholds listed in the Electrical Characteristics section under V_{IL} and V_{IH}.

FAST ON-TIME

The LP3988 utilizes a speed up circuitry to ramp up the internal V_{REF} voltage to its final value to achieve a fast output turn on time.



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